

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/707,782

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 7/03/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,5,7-13 and 15-18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Druce on 07/07/06.
3. During the interview, applicant agreed to amend the claims to correct minor informalities.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 1, line 1, --said-- has been inserted before "at least".
- Claim 4, line 2, both occurrences of "a" have been changed to "said".
- Claim 5, line 2, "a sun" has been changed to "said sun".
- Claim 5, line 2, --said-- has been inserted before "planet".
- Claim 5, line 2, "an" has been changed to "said".
- Claim 8, line 2, "a sun" has been changed to "said sun".
- Claim 9, line 1, "an" has been changed to "said".
- Claim 9, line 3, "a gear" has been changed to "said gear".
- Claim 10, line 2, both occurrences of "a" have been changed to "said".
- Claim 10, line 2, "an" has been changed to "said".
- Claim 11, line 1, "a" has been changed to "said".
- Claim 12, line 3, "a gear" has been changed to "said gear".

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- Claim 13, line 2, both occurrences of “a” have been changed to “said”.
- Claim 13, line 2, “an” has been changed to “said”.
- Claim 13, line 3, --said-- has been inserted before “planet”.
- Claim 17, line 2, both occurrences of “a” have been changed to “said”.

4. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 18 was indicated allowable. The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a motivation to provide for a vehicle as defined by the limitations of claim 18; including first and second transmission branches connected to one another by a fork, one of the transmission branches comprising a drive shaft, at least two control units each having a planetary gear set and a control motor and disposed between the drive shaft and a driving wheel, and a hub reduction gear disposed between the planet wheels of the planetary gear set and the driving wheel, wherein the control motor interacts with the sun gear of the planetary gear set by a gear, the drive shaft interacts with the internal gear of the planetary gear set by a coaxial connection through the sun gear, the driving wheel interacts with the planet wheels of the planetary gear set, and each of a plurality of steerable wheels is connected to the drive shaft by one of the control units.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ha D. Ho whose telephone number is 571-272-7091. If attempts

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to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095.

7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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